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A new lease on laneway houses

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Alley suites the best idea university has for grad students

May Warren
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The University of Toronto is planning to build two laneway houses in the Annex by next year and could build up to 40–50 more as the city explores one possible solution to Toronto's housing woes.

Christine Burke, director of campus and facilities planning at U of T, said the university aims to build the homes as housing for grad students or visiting faculty across the street from Robarts Library.

"It makes sense to us because it's an opportunity to do light touch intensification to the neighbourhood," said Burke.

It also provides more housing options and the potential for more stability in the neighbourhood through longer leases, she added.

Sometimes called granny suites, laneway suites are small detached units usually found at the back of residential lots adjacent to alleyways.

Burke hopes construction can be completed by fall 2018.

U of T is looking to build laneway houses like this in the Annex.
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Depending on the results of the pilot project, the next phase is 40–50 more in the same area, where the university owns most of the land.

It's all part of a neighbourhood plan they developed with the residents association.

They don't expect as many roadblocks as a typical laneway project, but they will still have to clear city-planning approvals, Burke said.

Evergreen Brick Works senior project manager Jo Flatt has been pushing for the city to ease current zoning restrictions around laneway housing, along with councillors Mary-Margaret McMahon and Ana Bailão and laneway advocacy group Lanescape.

Flatt sees unlocking the potential of laneway suites as one way to address the lack of housing supply.

"It allows you to have access in communities where you can't build a highrise," she said.

Homeowners who need a little extra cash could also benefit from what's "essentially a basement apartment put in the back of your lot," she added.

There are over 2,400 laneways across 300 km in Toronto, according Michelle Senayah, co-founder and director of The Laneway Project. Other Canadian cities have already developed policies that make building laneway suites easier, including Vancouver.

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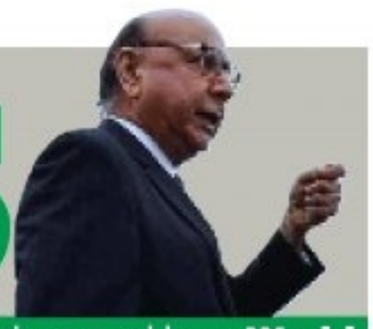

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Khizr Khan, who has publicly criticized Trump, is cancelling Toronto talks due to the travel ban. **World**

Toronto finds its swagger

CULTURE

City tourism video evokes a 'new sense of civic pride'

David Hains
Metro | Toronto

Toronto is showing the world that Canada's biggest city is the place to be.

The Tourism Toronto video "The Views are Different Here" launched Monday morning to positive reactions, as Torontonians expressed pride in a culturally diverse and vibrant city.

The video includes images of the city's streetcars, its food and arts scene as well as the rapper Drake.

"This is meant to introduce 'Canada's downtown' to an international audience," said Andrew Weir, chief marketing officer for Tourism Toronto.

Weir says the campaign works because it builds on the city's reputation and its place within Canada.

"There's a new sense of civic pride," he said.

Weir added that the city is showing off a swagger it hasn't seen before, from its high-profile music scene to Jose Bautista's bat flip to residents embracing the Toronto sign in Nathan Phillips Square.

"Toronto is not trying to blend in anymore."

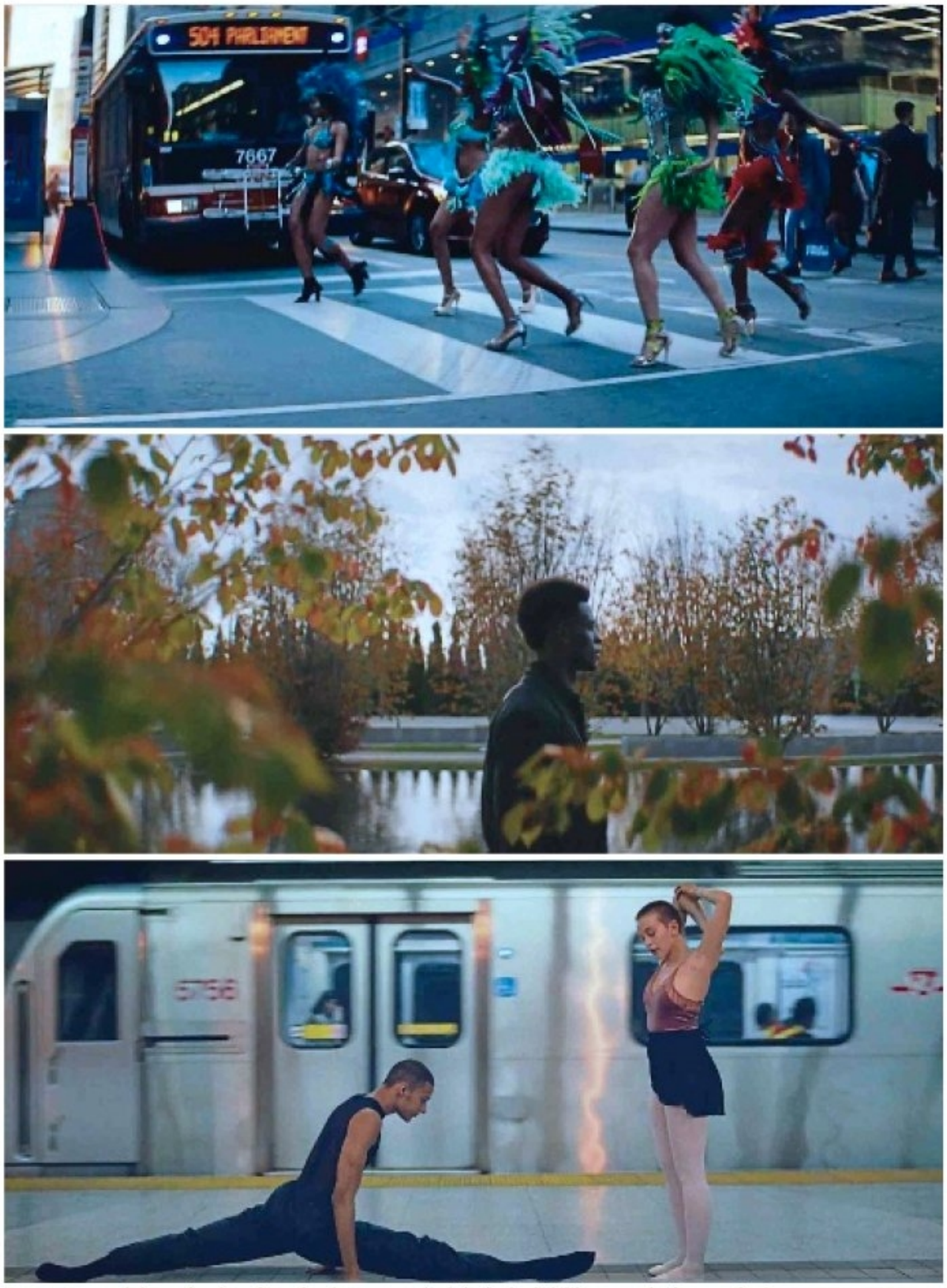
Michael Bertuzzi, a tourism and hospitality professor at Centennial College, said the campaign appears to be a winner. "It's festive, it's entertaining, it's focused," he told Metro.

He added that the campaign isn't targeted at locals but tries to capture the attention of travellers farther afield — which is a growing and lucrative market.

Toronto is in a special place, he adds, as these kinds of tourism campaigns don't typically capture locals' attention. Bertuzzi says it doubles as a pride-building exercise, much like the famous I Love New York initiative branded the city for both tourists and locals.

However, Bertuzzi underscores that the campaign is ultimately aimed at generating business, and it can't be judged until the numbers come in.

"You look at how it moves the needle and draws in tourists," he said.



Toronto's new ad shows the views from the city — a seemingly inclusive kaleidoscope of colours and cultures. SCREENSHOT

Toronto DIGEST

Man survives fall in lake
Three people are credited with saving a man's life after he fell into Lake Ontario at Harbour Square Park early Monday morning, Toronto police said. Around 2 a.m., a couple was walking by the water, and a man was smoking a cigarette nearby, when the three heard calls for help, said Toronto police Const. Jenifferjit Sidhu.
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Inspector to oversee police officer's hearing
After a rare motion calling for a high-ranking Toronto police officer to be removed as the adjudicator from the upcoming Neptune Four hearing, that same officer has cleared himself of appearing biased and ruled he can oversee the high-profile disciplinary hearing set to begin this summer. The decision, released by Insp. Richard Hegedus on Friday, comes four months after Toronto police Const. Adam Lourenco filed an unusual motion to see Hegedus removed as the hearing officer on the case, alleging that Hegedus recently committed misconduct himself and that Toronto police "let him off the hook."
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Man claims his personal info was compromised
An Oshawa man was surprised last week to learn that his social insurance number may have been compromised after it was printed on the outside of an envelope containing his tax form. Jodi Harrison, a former Molson Coors employee, said he received a letter in the mail Thursday from Ceridian HCM, which handles other companies' payrolls. Ceridian apologized for the error.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Opioid meeting called
Ontario will soon call a meeting of mayors from both large and small communities across the province as it looks for ways to tackle a growing opioid crisis. Premier Kathleen Wynne made the announcement Monday after meeting with Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, adding that the province is prepared to fund that city's $2.5-million opioid plan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hello, police? I need to report a black person

OPINION

Theatre clash shows white supremacy still law of the land

Vicky Mochama
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's new ad campaign says, "In this city, it's okay to let your guard down."

Apparently not for Toronto actress Wendy Olunike Adeliyi, who went to the Kingsway Theatre to see a movie on Friday and ended up having the police called on her.

Theatre staff refused to sell her a ticket unless she left her backpack behind. She refused, and the theatre owner eventually called the police.

Adeliyi, currently starring in CBC's TV series Workin' Moms, told my colleague that the owner described her to police as "a black woman wearing black and being disruptive."

The owner, Rui Pereira, told Torstar News Service that he mentioned her race to police when prompted to describe her by the dispatcher.

Calling the police and using race to describe a black person is a dangerous exercise in white supremacy. In a society founded by and for white supremacy, the police are a tool of white supremacy. When describing skin colour, a caller knows, tacitly or overtly, that in any encounter the police are likely to side with the white person.

To some that will seem like a wild statement. But it is true of our lives and backed by evidence.

White supremacy isn't just hoods and burning crosses. It is also the choices made by people and institutions to keep non-white people afraid in public life.

At a school in Mississauga last September, police were called on a six-year-old who was throwing, as six-year-olds do, a tantrum. The black child was handcuffed.

At a gallery in Toronto, police were called to a party where co-owner John Samuels, a black man, was tasered, according to a January report on Canadian Art's website.

At a coffee shop in Ottawa, police were called to intervene after "reports of a man causing a disturbance." Abdirahman Abdi, a Somali man, died. A police officer was charged Monday with manslaughter.

These are only a handful of publicized stories. This doesn't include the stories black people share among themselves.

To describe to the police "a black person" who is questioning the rules is to know that the police are a danger to black people.

While there are efforts to change that, the fact is the police remain an ever-present threat to our lives.

In this city, you can never quite let your guard down.

Kingsway Movie Theatre owner Rui Pereira was involved in an incident with actress Wendy Olunike Adeliyi. JAYME POISSON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

DISCRIMINATION

Both sides in dispute feeling mislabelled

A dispute that began over whether a patron could bring her backpack into a Toronto theatre escalated into a social-media skirmish, with the moviegoer saying she was discriminated against and the owner saying he has been unfairly branded a racist.

Toronto actress Wendy Olunike Adeliyi took to Facebook on Friday to say that she was denied entry to the Kingsway Movie Theatre.

"I'm dressed in all black with a backpack coming from U of T," she wrote in a post. "They unjustly called the police on me and said, 'There's a threatening black woman we want removed.'"

> **When you put the words black and threatening together, it's always trouble.**
> Wendy Olunike Adeliyi

Hours later, Kingsway owner Rui Pereira posted on the business' Facebook page, calling Adeliyi's account a "false narrative."

The rules at the Etobicoke movie house on Bloor Street W., near Royal York Road, prohibit customers from bringing backpacks into the theatre, fearing that food would be smuggled in.

"Adeliyi felt that it was not a problem to disregard the house rules of a licensed business," the post read. "She ... landed her backpack on the counter in front of the staff and refused to leave."

Pereira told Torstar News Service that he described Adeliyi's appearance only in response to questions asked by authorities.

"How does this now become that I'm a racist pig?" asked Pereira, who said he has received numerous accusatory phone calls. He added that he was a victim of discrimination himself as a child after immigrating from Portugal.

Adeliyi said she felt she was being profiled when she heard his description of her.

"I don't think this is something just about racial discrimination; I think it's just a discriminatory person," Adeliyi said.

Adeliyi said she did not raise her voice or act in a threatening manner at the theatre.

Adeliyi's original post on Facebook has been shared over 450 times and was liked by over 300 people. Supporters called for a boycott of the theatre.

Adeliyi said the experience was dehumanizing.

"I take offence to being labelled dangerous, and that is what happened," she said.

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Kingsway owner Rui Pereira says he took this photo of Wendy Olunike Adeliyi with her backpack when she was refused a ticket. CONTRIBUTED

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What can $1 million get you?

REAL ESTATE

Toronto buyers got more for their dollar 10 years ago

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

If I had a million dollars I would buy… a two-storey starter home in Richmond Hill.

A new report from Royal LePage shows widely different options when it comes to what you can get for a million in different cities across Canada, and in Toronto that's not exactly a mansion.

You can still score a deal on two-storey starter homes in "up and coming neighborhoods," especially in places like Ajax, Pickering, Milton, Mississauga and Brampton, according to the report.

But in Winnipeg, for example a budget of $1 million can get an average of four bedrooms and four bathrooms in a more desirable neighborhood.

The study examined two-storey homes in seven Canadian markets in January 2017.

"There are striking differences in the options available for those who are looking to purchase a $1 million two-storey home in Canada," Dianne Usher, senior vice-president of Johnston and Daniel, a division of Royal LePage, said in a news release.

In Toronto 10 years ago, the report says buyers got a lot more for seven figures.

Home searches in the $1 million price range in 2007 often produced larger, fully upgraded homes in prominent areas like Rosedale, Leaside and Lawrence Park.

The profile of a $1 million buyer was also found to vary by region.

Developers and first-time buyers dominated the $1 million two-storey property segment in Canada's largest metropolitan areas.

Wealthy young to middle-aged professional couples with children acted as the predominant purchasers elsewhere.

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GTA

In the GTA, the average $1 million two-storey home had 3.8 bedrooms, 2.9 bathrooms, 2,363 sq. ft. of living area and a lot size of 8,168 sq. ft.

JOINT EFFORTS

Ryerson University, the University of Toronto, York University and OCAD University have teamed up for a joint call for proposals on how to tackle Toronto's housing woes, states to the University of Toronto's website.

The universities had a similar joint effort last year called StudentMoveTO where presidents from all four schools collaborated on a survey to explore students' commutes and how they impact them.

Teams are encouraged to have representatives from at least two different universities and to partner with community groups.

The idea is to tap into the knowledge that already exists in the community to tackle a persistent issue that also impacts students.

Proposals, which can look at everything from existing housing challenges to new and creative solutions; will be accepted until March 24.

They can be submitted at urban.advisor@utoronto.ca.

Greater Vancouver

Near Vancouver, the average $1 million home had 3.7 bedrooms, 3.2 bathrooms, 2,166 sq. ft. of living area and a lot size of 8,149 sq. ft.

Halifax

In Halifax, the average $1 million home had 3.1 bedrooms, 3.8 bathrooms, 3,316 sq. ft. of living area and 43,521 sq. ft. lot size.

Calgary

In Calgary, the average property selling for $1 million had 3.3 bedrooms, 2.8 bathrooms, 2,477 sq. ft. of living area and a lot size of 7,004 sq. ft.

Winnipeg

In Winnipeg, the average $1 million two-storey home had 4.1 bedrooms, 4.0 bathrooms, 3,505 sq. ft. of living area and a lot size of 13,453 sq. ft.

MARKET

Housing inquiries on the rise from potential Chinese buyers

Real-estate inquiries from mainland China rose substantially in the Toronto area after Vancouver launched its foreign buyers tax in August. But sales resulting from those online searches haven't materialized.

That's the key finding of a report by Sotheby's International Realty based on data from its partnership with Chinese real estate hub Juwai.com from both sides of China's Internet firewall.

The Sotheby's report reinforces findings by Ipsos for the Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB) that found only 4.9 per cent of transactions in the region last year involved foreign buyers.

The figure has drawn widespread skepticism from realtors and some consumers, who feel it is too low.

> People are angry prices have been increasing faster than incomes. Brad Henderson

That's because there's a shortage of "reliable and verifiable data," on foreign ownership, said Sotheby's CEO Brad Henderson.

"People are angry prices have been increasing faster than incomes, so affordability has become a top of mind issue particularly for first-time home buyers," he said.

"People look for someone to blame. A very convenient person to blame is the foreign buyers. We've seen that happen in Vancouver in particular, and it's starting to happen more and more in Toronto," said Henderson.

Some of Sotheby's findings on the motivations of foreign buyers differ from those identified in the TREB survey.

But the Juwai.com data agrees that most Chinese searches are motivated by a desire to live in the area or use the property as a base for accessing Canadian schools. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ADVERTISING

Airbnb campaign casts renters as people supplementing income

Airbnb is launching a marketing campaign underscoring an image of its Toronto hosts as regular people supplementing their income from the occasional rental of their homes.

Radio ads on three stations start Tuesday, featuring the voices of Airbnb hosts, who cite the need for help with their mortgages in Toronto's pricey housing market.

"Airbnb helps Toronto residents earn a few extra thousand dollars a year to cover expenses.... We're glad we can help Toronto families make a little extra money," concludes the ad's voiceover.

TV, transit and digital promotions will follow in the run-up to the city's anticipated discussion of short-term rental regulations this spring or summer, said Alex Dagg, the company's Canadian policy lead.

Airbnb co-founder and CEO Brian Chesky
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The hosts in the ads are real and their stories about how Airbnb helps them make ends meet should be heard, she said.

"Our host community is who we are," said Dagg.

The pitch counters criticism that Airbnb is less about hosts sharing their primary residences than it is about business for a few individuals behind a disproportionate number of rental listings.

A Friday report from Fairbnb, a group organized by the hotel workers union that is pushing for the regulation of home sharing, says Airbnb accounts for 85 per cent of listings in the city, most of which are downtown. More than half of Airbnb revenue is collected by only 16 per cent of its hosts, said the report.

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LEGAL SERVICES

Allow paralegals in family court: Report

In what could prove to be a huge shakeup of the family court system in Ontario, the former chief justice of the provincial court is recommending that paralegals be allowed to provide some family law services unsupervised, including appearing in court.

The recommendations from former Ontario court chief justice Annemarie Bonkalo in a report released Monday were hailed by paralegals and condemned by lawyers, leaving the provincial government and the legal regulator to work out how to implement what are clearly divisive ideas.

> **There are few subjects that cause more controversy.**
> Annemarie Bonkalo

Bonkalo herself admitted in the report that the recommendations dealing with paralegals will be the most contentious — paralegals are currently barred from appearing in family court.

"There are few subjects that cause more controversy within the family justice community than the provision of legal services by paralegals," Bonkalo states.

She is recommending that the Law Society of Upper Canada, which regulates both lawyers and paralegals in Ontario, create a specialized licence for paralegals to provide specific family legal services without the supervision of lawyers.

These services would include: custody and access issues, "simple" child support cases, restraining orders and simple divorce cases that don't involve property. Bonkalo also recommends that paralegals be allowed to represent their family law clients in court, other than at trials.

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People take part in a rally in downtown Toronto to mark International Women's Day in 2015. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

5 events for International Women's Day

Traditionally taking place the weekend after International Women's Day, this year's International Women's Day rally starts Saturday at U of T (1 King's College Circle) at 11 a.m. Marching will begin at 1 p.m. and will end with a fair at Ryerson's Student Learning Centre (341 Yonge St.) at 2 p.m. If you're looking for more events to check out, here are five other celebrations and discussions for women.

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1 Female Founders in Tech

Figure 1 hosts a panel of female founders who have built their startups from the ground up. Panellists include Chakameh Shaffi of TranQool (online therapy), Jen Evans of B2B News Network and Lisa Mattam of Sahajan (an Ayurvedic natural skin and haircare company). Attendees asked to bring feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons, etc.) or a cash donation to be donated to The Period Project. March 8, 6 p.m. at Figure 1 (296 Richmond St. West 6th floor).

2 Let's Talk About It

The Redwood, a local organization that helps women and children live free from domestic abuse, hosts a film screen and panel discussion featuring Deepa Mehta's documentary Let's Talk About It. Tickets are $25 online in advance. March 8, 6:15 p.m. at the Revue Cinema (400 Roncesvalles).

3 Celebrating Creative Resistance

Experience art installations, performances and a meal at this event highlighting the voices and the creative resistance strategies of women of colour, Indigenous women, queer, trans, two spirit, and/or disabled folk. Admission is free. March 9, 6:30 p.m. at the Multi-Faith Centre at U of T (565 Spadina).

4 Fempocalypse: A Cabaret for Women's Day

Young Innovators and Nightwood Theatre present a cabaret showcasing 10 female-identifying artists responding to the current political climate. Hosted by comedian Jess Beaulieu, the show will feature drag performer and comedian Pearle Harbour, burlesque dancer Sul Tana, spoken word artist Brita Badour, and many more. Admission is by donation and all proceeds will benefit the Native Women's Association of Canada. March 8, 8 p.m. at Ernest Balmer Studio (9 Trinity St.)

5 Conversations on Women and Peace

The Centre for Social Innovation hosts Oxfam U of T for a dinner and discussion that highlights the role of women in peace-building efforts. Three speakers are featured: Miriam Anderson, an expert in international peace processes and post-conflict reconstruction; Melissa Levin, chief elections strategist for the African National Congress; and Marieme Lo, researcher of gender and development. Tickets are $20 ($15 for students). March 9, 7 p.m. CSI Annex location (720 Bathurst).

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Producing partnerships

COMMUNITY

Markham assisting Eabametoong First Nation

A unique partnership forged between the city of Markham and a remote First Nations community in northern Ontario is hoping to serve as a model of how urban municipalities can take part in the reconciliation process.

The city of Markham has long looked globally to build and foster economic and cultural ties with cities in China and Europe. But this year, community leaders decided to look a little closer to home.

Earlier this year, after months of discussion, the city signed a cross-cultural agreement with the Eabametoong First Nation, also known as Fort Hope, a remote residential community of 1,500, some 300 kilometres north of Thunder Bay,

The agreement — believe to be the first of its kind between an urban municipality in the GTA and a remote northern First Nation community — hopes to promote an exchange of culture, skills, and economic opportunities between the two communities.

Markham mayor Frank Scarpitti and Kim Wheatley, a member of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, at a January press conference. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

But there is broader goal too, said Frank Scarpitti, the mayor of Markham. The goal is that the collaboration will "plant hope" in the small community some 1,000 km north of the city, and at the same time teach local residents of Markham, where more than half are immigrants, about the history and realities facing First Nations communities.

"The light kind of came on, we do this internationally all the time," said Scarpitti. "Why don't we do here at home, with two communities that could mutually benefit from each other," he said.

The agreement began with an introduction by community member Ken Caplan, who suggested the idea to Scarpitti and arranged for band council members of Fort Hope to visit the city. Last summer, Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Councillor Louie Sugarhead, and past Grand Chief Harvey Yesno from the Eabametoong First Nation made the trek down to Markham and toured the recreation facilities and infrastructure plants.

"It was a good experience for us to see what they have there," said Sugarhead in an interview, "And the mayor talked about the possibility of us working together," he said.

The community, like many remote reserves has its share of challenges. In Eabametoong they include: ongoing boil water advisory, a drug crisis among youth, no local high school forcing youths to travel to Thunder Bay to attend high school, and limited economic opportunities.

It's been eye-opening for Markham residents, said Scarpitti.

"I hope that as a community we will have a better understanding of the challenges that First Nation's communities face," said Scarpitti. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

OUTBREAK

Mumps cases total: 26

The Toronto District School Board confirmed Monday that one of its students was hit with a case of mumps, bringing the total of confirmed cases in the city to 26.

TDSB spokesperson Shari Schwartz-Maltz said the Forest Hill Collegiate Institute was informed on Thursday that one of its students had a case of mumps. The principal sent a note the following day, reminding parents to make sure students were up to date with vaccinations.

Health officials would not disclose the age of the student affected, but said the person did not have any immunization history.

Toronto Public Health is currently investigating the mumps outbreak in the city. Officials say the virus has mostly affected 18- to 35-year olds who frequented west-end bars in the city.

Toronto normally averages about four cases per year, according to health officials. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Man dies in Vegas Lamborghini crash

Friends and family are mourning a 37-year-old Thornhill real estate agent killed last month in an accident at a Las Vegas racetrack.

Craig Sherwood was killed Feb. 12 after losing control of the white Lamborghini he was driving at the SpeedVegas racetrack.

Witnesses told police they watched a vehicle going at a high rate of speed enter into one of the track's turns and crash into a barrier wall, at which point the vehicle caught fire, according to Las Vegas Metropolitan Police spokesperson Laura Meltzer.

Sherwood died from burns, according to a spokesperson for the local coroner's office. An instructor in the passenger seat, Gil Ben-Kely, 59, of Nevada, also died from chest injuries. The cause of the crash was ruled accidental.

Craig Sherwood FACEBOOK

A funeral service was held last Friday for Sherwood. He had been in Las Vegas for a real estate conference along with colleagues from Keller Williams Realty, the company he worked for.

Sherwood was known around the office for his positivity.

"I had never seen him down, never seen him really upset longer than 30 seconds, really. He was an inspiration," said Mark Timmons, Sherwood's co-worker.

In a statement last month SpeedVegas chief executive officer Aaron Fessler said the company was cooperating with investigators. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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6 QUESTIONS TO TEST YOUR HERITAGE MINUTE KNOWLEDGE

We all remember our favourite Heritage Minutes. They disappeared for a long time, but now they have made a nostalgia-fuelled comeback. Tonight they have their own trivia night at the Gladstone, where Historica Canada will preview a brand-new entry. To help you prepare, Metro compiled some trivia of our own. **DAVID HAINS** METRO

What does the janitor say to James Naismith when the father of basketball suggests cutting out the bottom of the peach baskets?

- "Why didn't I think of that?"
- "You Canadians are full of crazy ideas."
- "But I need these baskets back!"

During surgery, what sensations did Dr. Wilder Penfield's patient feel before she smelled burnt toast?

- Wonderful light, water on her hand
- Strange noises, tickled spine
- Roasted marshmallows, crisp bacon

When Jennie Trout tears off the fig leaf during a class on anatomy, who does she tell the professor she'll repeat his sexist lecture to?

- His daughter
- His wife
- His mother

What was the name of the dispatcher who bravely tried to save lives moments before the Halifax Explosion?

- Max Carey
- Vince Coleman
- Arlie Latham

When explorer John Cabot makes his way to Canada, what slowed the progress of his ship?

- Icebergs
- Whales
- Codfish

Who tries to convince Montreal Canadiens goaltender Jacques Plante not to wear a mask?

- The team doctor
- Coach Toe Blake
- Captain Maurice Richard

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Our leaders need to take action

The onus is on our politicians to name the issues and commit to fixing them

FOR METRO
Tristan Cleveland

How are we supposed to solve a problem politicians won't talk about?

In response to Judge Lenehan's shocking acquittal of a taxi driver for sexual assault last week, Premier Stephen McNeil has said nothing. Justice Minister Diana Whalen says they are "considering options."

Prime Minister Trudeau says they have "work to do."

What we haven't heard is a decisive commitment to structural reform to stop the slew of disgraceful sexual assault decisions in the news recently.

It's generally appropriate for politicians to defer to judges on legal matters, but when cases highlight systemic problems, it's up to our political leaders to name the issues and commit to fixing them.

Our prime minister and premier can and should state clearly that rules must be put in place to ensure judges are adequately trained to give sexual assault victims fair trials. Judge Gregory Lenehan appears to have thought that a person must be unconscious to be legally considered too incapacitated to give consent. That's simply not true.

Rona Ambrose, interim leader of the Conservative Party, has put forward legislation to require exactly this kind of training for all judges.

Trudeau should work with the opposition to pass this bill.

Dalhousie Law Professor Wayne McKay proposes we do one better and create a court specialized in sexual assault cases, as has been done in the United Kingdom and several states in the United States. That way, lawyers, prosecutors and judges involved could all have consistent experience in sexual assault law.

They could also have greater, "skills and training in not retraumatizing the victim." That's crucial. Not only is it difficult to convict in sexual assault cases, the experience of the trials is often terrible. As a result, the rate of women who report sexual assaults to police has dropped by more than half since its peak in 1992, according to the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women. Nationally, only 8 per cent of these crimes are reported.

Of the sexual assault cases reported to police in Halifax, 27 per cent led to charges, compared to 40 per cent for other violent crimes. When you add in the conviction rate, only a fraction of a fraction of a fraction of people who commit sexual assaults face legal consequences.

Meanwhile, 100 per cent of sexually assaulted women live with the consequences.

Women need to be able to walk on our streets and use our taxis with the full knowledge that the legal system has their back.

Chrissy Merrigan is co-organizing a protest on Tuesday afternoon against Judge Gregory Lenehan's comments in a recent sexual assault verdict. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

Protesters to voice 'outrage'

Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

"You can feel the outrage in the city."

That's what Chrissy Merrigan said about why she became involved in co-organizing a march expected to draw hundreds to downtown Halifax on Tuesday afternoon.

The event was created to protest Judge Gregory Lenehan's comments, including "clearly a drunk can consent," in acquitting cab driver Bassam Al-Rawi of sexual assault last Wednesday.

"You could feel the outrage the next day... It's all that anybody could talk about," Merrigan said.

More than 1,000 people have committed on Facebook to attending, with more than 2,400 expressing interest. Although that doesn't mean those numbers will hit the streets, Merrigan said the quick and overwhelming response shows people are frustrated.

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"We need to make noise during the day when people are downtown…We really wanted the people who are in the courthouse and the people in the system to know that we are upset," Merrigan said.

"After 5 o'clock they're gone home, they're making dinner with their families, they're not there to see it, and that's who needs to make the change."

POVERTY

Canada urged to calculate cost of raising children: Advocates

Canada urged to calculate cost of raising children

No official estimate exists to guide public policy and help parents plan Canadian politicians champion middle-class families and pledge to end child poverty without knowing what it actually costs to raise a child in this country, says a new report being released Tuesday.

And it is time Ottawa invested in official estimates to guide public policy and help parents with planning, argues the report by Campaign 2000, a national coalition committed to ending child poverty across the country.

"Everyone who cares about the quality of life of Canada's children should be concerned about the cost of raising them because it is one of the key determinants of children's economic well-being," the report says."The importance we place on this information demonstrates how our country values its families, its children and its future prospects," it says. "The services we provide to families hinge on the accuracy of these numbers."

Toronto's Rebekka Unrau, 31, who works as an office administrator for a Montessori school, knows the cost of infant child care is as high as her rent. But she's not sure about the other costs she should expect.

She and her partner, a supply teacher with the Toronto District School Board, rent a small two-bedroom apartment in a house in the city's east end and both work second jobs on weekends to make ends meet. They don't own a car and don't expect they will ever be able to afford to buy a house.

$12.8K

In 2011, Canada's Moneysense magazine estimated the average annual cost at $12,824.

"Certainly the cost of living in Toronto is very high," she said. "Having a better idea of what we can expect definitely will help us plan when and if we can have a child."

Accurate estimates are also needed to help parents decide whether to have children or if they can afford others, for family court decisions around child support and compensation for foster parents, Campaign 2000's national co-ordinator, Anita Khanna, said.

Many western countries regularly calculate the cost of raising children, the report notes. For example, in January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture pegged the cost of raising a child born in 2015 to age 18 at $233,610, or almost $13,000 a year, including the cost of food, shelter and other necessities, but not post-secondary education. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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REACTION

New move not a big change, experts say

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Immigration experts and advocates are concerned the new Muslim ban signed on Monday will make life even harder for would-be refugees.

Donald Trump's Muslim Ban 2.0 halts refugee intake for 120 days and bans any U.S. visits from citizens of Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Iran, Libya and Yemen. It now exempts people from Iraq, as well as green-card holders and those who have permanent resident status.

"There is no moral way we can say that the U.S. is a safe country for refugees anymore," said Emily Gilbert, director of the Canadian Studies program at the University of Toronto.

"This executive order only reinforces the anti-Muslim sentiment that we know exists in the U.S. and in Canada."

Canada should be concerned about a potential echo of that discourse, she warned. Some of the candidates in the Conservative party have expressed similar beliefs, and aggressive acts against religious minorities have taken place.

Trump's first Muslim ban prompted legal challenges and demonstrations across the globe, with many Canadian advocacy groups urging the federal government to repeal the Safe Third Country Agreement, which prevents people in the United States from claiming refugee status in Canada.

"We need the border open, because there's clearly no fair refugee system in the United States again," said Syed Hussan, a Toronto refugee advocate.

Syrian refugee Mahmoud Mansour, 43, is shown in this photo, taken Monday in Amman, with his daughters Ruba and Sahar. Mansour, who has been undergoing vetting for resettlement to the U.S. for the past year, says he was devastated by Trump's ban.
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REACTION

Trump critic cancels Toronto travel plans

The organizer of a luncheon featuring a speech by the father of an American Muslim soldier killed in Iraq said Monday that the event was cancelled because the man's "travel privileges are being reviewed."

Ramsay Talks said Khizr Khan, who has publicly criticized U.S. President Donald Trump for his anti-Muslim rhetoric, was scheduled to be in Toronto on Tuesday to talk about tolerance, understanding and unity.

"Late Sunday evening Khizr Khan, an American citizen for over 30 years, was notified that his travel privileges are being reviewed," Ramsay Talks said in a statement on its Facebook page.

The company, which couldn't be reached immediately for comment, didn't say who is reviewing Khan's travel privileges.

Ramsay Talks did, however, include what it said was a comment from Khan in its statement.

"This turn of events is not just of deep concern to me but to all my fellow Americans who cherish our freedom to travel abroad," Khan said.

Khizr Khan THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Revised ban leaves refugees confused

IMMIGRATION

Order gets rid of some more contentious aspects

It's been an emotional roller coaster for Mahmoud Mansour and his family, Syrian refugees tapped for possible resettlement to the United States, since President Donald Trump issued his first travel ban six weeks ago.

The original ban, which barred Syrian refugees from the U.S. until further notice, devastated Mansour's family of six, which has been undergoing security vetting ahead of resettlement for the past year.

The revised ban, signed by President Donald Trump without fanfare on Monday, no longer singles out displaced Syrians, but suspends the entire refugee program for four months to allow for a security review.

The order eliminates some of the most contentious aspects in an effort to surmount the court challenges that are sure to come. Trump's first order, issued just a week after his inauguration, was halted by federal courts.

The new one leaves Iraq off the list of banned countries — at the urging of U.S. military and diplomatic leaders — but still affects would-be visitors and immigrants from Iran, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen and Libya. It also makes clear that current visa holders will not be impacted, and it removes language that would give priority to religious minorities — a provision some interpreted as a way to help Christians get into the U.S. while excluding Muslims.

The changes underscore the very different position the president finds himself in.

Five weeks ago, Trump dropped the first order with a bang, catching lawmakers and members of his administration by surprise. He signed the order in a high-profile ceremony at the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes as Secretary of Defence James Mattis stood by.

This time around, the president skipped the usual public ceremony altogether. Instead, the administration chose to have Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Attorney General Jeff Sessions serve as the public faces of the rollout at a brief press announcement.

"I think today was about the implementation of it," said Press Secretary Sean Spicer.

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Party in crisis as Fillon flounders

FRANCE

Far-right looking for their Trump moment

It's too late. I confirm, once and for all, that I will not bid to be the French president.
Alain Juppe

For France's conservatives, this year's presidential election should have been effortless.

Instead, the Republicans party — once all but certain to take back the Elysee Palace in 2017 — is in disarray over the corruption-tainted campaign of its candidate Francois Fillon. Riven by dissent as Fillon tenaciously clings to his bid, the conservatives are watching their presidential hopes sink by the day.

Far-right nationalists, meanwhile, are gearing up for what they hope is their Donald Trump moment, in which National Front leader Marine Le Pen proves the pollsters wrong and harnesses the anti-immigration, anti-establishment sentiment percolating around Europe to capture a presidential victory.

In this prediction-defying French presidential campaign, anything could still happen between now and April 23, when the voting begins.

One thing is clear: The conservatives are in trouble. And no one is eager to take Fillon's place with less than seven weeks left to campaign.

Many conservatives had pinned their hopes on former Prime Minister Alain Juppe to step in and save their party's chances — but on Monday he definitively rejected that poisoned chalice.

"It's too late," he told reporters, accusing Fillon, who beat him in the conservative primary, of leading the French right into a political "dead end."

"What a waste," Juppe said. "Last week I received many calls asking me to take over. They made me hesitate, I thought about it. Today, uniting everyone has become even more difficult. ... I confirm, once and for all, that I will not bid to be the French president."

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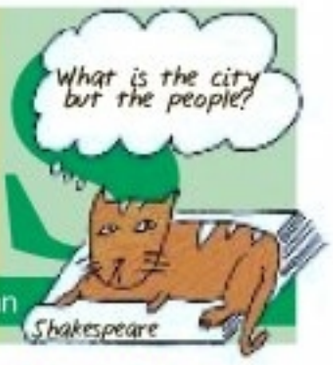

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Designing for women

As long as there have been cities, there have been women. But that's not always obvious when looking at the pieces that make up urban life. From street names to transit transfer policies, the lives and needs of women are often overlooked. **On the eve of International Women's Day, six ways to make cities for all.**

1 Wider sidewalks
It must be said that many initiatives billed as making cities better for women are rooted in gender stereotypes, such as women pushing baby strollers. But, still, wider sidewalks help anyone with a stroller, wheelchair or walker move about more easily.

2 Brighter streets
The evidence isn't clear cut on whether brighter streets are safer, with some saying it enables criminals. But when it comes to preventing crime that disproportionately affects women, organizations including the UN have pushed for more light.

3 More washrooms
Equal, easy access to clean, well-equipped toilets (i.e. with garbage bins, and, hey, free tampons if you're feeling generous) is still out of reach in many cities, in both public and private buildings. Not to mention the scarcity of stalls at sports stadiums.

4 Flexible fares
Studies show men and women use transit differently, as women still take on most household chores, like school runs and groceries. This often means less straightforward trips. Time-based fares could lower the costs for those zig-zag trips.

5 Fair playgrounds
A study found that after age nine, little girls were crowded out of parks by boys, who more boldly claimed space. To address in a small way the systemic issue of men being socialized to be more assertive, planners made parks with more and varied play areas.

6 Stature on statues
With only one in five city statues in Toronto depicting women and similarly dismal numbers when it comes to park and street names across other Canadian cities, advocates have pushed in recent years to have equal representation.

WORD ON THE STREET by Brent Toderian

Semis, rowhouses the 'gentle' way to strengthen our cities

If you could be a fly on the wall in city planning departments lately, chances are you'd overhear a conversation about "gentle density." And the planners would look pretty stressed.

That's because most cities are struggling with significant housing challenges, and recognize their existing planning rules and approaches aren't going to solve them.

These difficult and complicated challenges include building more complete and resilient communities, addressing politically explosive debates about neighbourhood change, and improving affordability. There's also the challenge of preserving community "building blocks" like local schools and shopping as some neighbourhoods lose population, the debilitating cost of sprawl, and the clear connections between public health and building communities.

So what is gentle density, and what does it have to do with all that?

As I defined it back in 2007, gentle density is attached, ground-oriented housing that's more dense than a detached house, but with a similar scale and character. Think duplexes, semi-detached homes, rowhouses, or even stacked townhouses.

In short, it's "gentle" because the actual impacts of adding such housing choices, if designed well, are minimal – although you wouldn't know that by the controversy that can be raised in some communities.

Many people don't mind sharing a common wall and are eager to cut their costs and carbon footprint, but still appreciate a direct relationship with the ground. That's why fellow urbanist Daniel Parolek in San Francisco calls this kind of density the "missing middle." In most cities this middle is under-represented, if it's there at all.

In some cases, this is because builders need to learn (or re-learn) this kind of building. In others, land economics and land assembly make it tough sledding.

In most cities, though, deliberate zoning decisions have made this kind of housing illegal.

That's a problem, because from a planning perspective, there's nothing fundamentally incompatible about all sorts of gentle density cohabitating in a well-designed neighbourhood.

When we listen carefully, the opposition to such a mix usually isn't about planning principles – it's more often about politics fuelled by financial self-interest (the perceived impact on property values) and "not in my backyard" sentiments.

If we want to get serious about addressing our big challenges, we need to seriously rethink how we discuss and address change in our communities. Ironically, gentle density could help strengthen and stabilize our neighbourhoods far better than trying to cast them in amber would.

Our cities and suburbs need more gentle density. Our stressed-out planning departments are struggling with how to do it well. Let's give them our encouragement and ideas.

Brent Toderian is an international city planner and urbanist with TODERIAN UrbanWORKS. He is also Vancouver's former chief planner and the president of the Council for Canadian Urbanism.

PUBLIC WORKS
The week in urbanism

Small-town high line
St. Thomas, Ont., isn't known for it urbanist ways. But in August the town of 38,000 is poised to unveil Canada's first elevated park. The park, 25 metres above ground, replaces an old rail bridge that was going to be taken apart. New uses could include yoga classes, gardens and benches with nice views.

Cyclists gain suction
Cyclists, or possibly a lone cyclist, wanting better protected bike lanes in Wichita, Kansas, took matters into their own hands. Plungers with spray-painted handles and reflective tape appeared alongside the road, delighting the city's growing cycling community.

URBAN DICTIONARY
Desire paths

DEFINITION The paths carved out with footprints when multiple people take a more convenient route through fields or other open spaces.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
After a fresh snowfall Luke followed the **desire paths** on campus created by previous students rushing to class.

CITY CHAMP

Toronto-based architect
A principal with ERA architects, Graeme Stewart's research on retrofitting Toronto's suburban high-rises has shaped the city's housing policies over the past decade.
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The gender-affirming outlet

IDENTITY

Co-operative's online store offers advice and essentials

Ali Vanderkruyk
Metro | Toronto

For young trans and non-binary individuals seeking gender-affirming products, high price and lack of accessibility are a problem.

"Some of the most marginalized people in society also have the most expensive underwear," says Jack Lamon of the prosthetics, tools, and clothing that play a vital part in gender actualization.

Lamon is a worker-member of Come As You Are, a co-operatively owned sex shop, and GenderGear.ca, a separate online shop providing gender gear for trans folk.

Their anti-capitalist and feminist collective mission is to offer products and services that help people express and experience their sexuality, gender and orientation.

Lamon explains that the majority of the worker-owners at the CAYA sex shop are trans or gender queer: "We have always had a personal and professional interest in gender. But, because kids are coming out as trans at younger and younger ages, it was awkward to provide customer service to parents and service providers."

Staff and members of Come As You Are and GenderGear.ca (from left) Noah Kloeze, Meg Saxby, and Jack Lamon. "Some of the most marginalized people in society also have the most expensive underwear," says Lamon. COURTESY COME AS YOU ARE

The sexualized environment of the brick and mortar store (which closed its doors in 2016), did not specifically tend to the needs of people that were interested in confronting their gender dysphoria. The nature of the sex storefront had the potential to bar parents of trans youth and the website, which is an adult website, was firewalled to service providers like Children's Aid and the Toronto Board of Education.

"Sex and gender have nothing to do with each other: your gender does not determine your orientation, or what you may or may not like sexually," Lamon explains.

"People carry the perception that being trans is a sexual thing, but as much as reducing gender dysphoria may help you enjoy your sexuality more, being trans is not sexual identity, it is gender identity."

The CAYA co-op storefront in Toronto closed in 2016, and now runs as a website linked to GenderGear.ca while the collective figures out their next steps.

But the reality is, the website is what kept them alive. More people tend to be comfortable buying gender and sex products online because there is still a lot of apprehension in discussing private needs publicly.

GenderGear does not feel the need to market or promote their products. The gear is already expensive and they do not want to be prescriptive or suggest that people "ought" to do things their way.

"The point was never really to sell products, it was to make sure products were available for people who needed them," says Lamon.

Ella Webber, a customer at CAYA, explains that because of the generous sharing of information within the LGBTQ2S community, many older trans individuals are actually learning from younger people about the range and accessibility of products.

Before Webber's top surgery, they explained how they had "needed multiple binders: tight ones for when you want to look extra flat, and casual wear. Without (access to) them, there are moments that can be so hard when you need something and can't have it."

Asher Faerstein, who has bought six binders to date, confirms that, "for a lot of young trans people who are in precarious financial situations, [the expense] is really inconvenient."

GenderGear provides a binder recycling program that makes used binders available for $5. The website accommodates the necessary service of selling clothing that does not permanently change your body, but enables one to feel slightly more comfortable in their skin.

There is, however, a lot more work to be done in the fight for financially accessible gender-affirming products.

KEY PRODUCTS

Binder: Flattener of breast tissues in order to create a male-appearing chest. **$40-45**

Gaff: A device used to secure tucked male genitalia in place to make the area appear female. **$18-35**

Packer: An object in one's clothes that suggests the presence of a penis. **$40-150**

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Essential viewing we don't even see

THE SHOW: Broadchurch, Season 3, Episode 1
THE MOMENT: What we don't see

Trish (Julie Hesmondhalgh) has been sexually assaulted. DS Ellie Miller (Olivia Colman) and DI Alec Hardy (David Tennant) have taken her to a dedicated sexual assault referral centre, where she's met by Anna (Andrea Hall), a crisis worker.

"I'm going to be with you all the time you're here," Anna says gently. "If you're feeling unsafe or uncomfortable in any way, we will stop. Everything will be led by you."

Step by step, we see Trish's mouth swabbed, her clothes removed and bagged, her bruises photographed. The cops ask her a few questions but back off when she becomes upset. Finally she lies on an examining table.

We see a nurse remove a swab from a case. The camera cuts to Trish's hand squeezing Anna's and we hear her breathe sharply inward. Then we cut to the faces of Miller and Hardy, outside the curtain, still bagging evidence. They hear Trish's shaky sob. They hear Anna say, "Nearly done." The camera stays on them as they struggle to keep their faces neutral.

This scene should be mandatory viewing not only for all cops, but also for all TV writers' rooms. We don't see the rape. We see the horrid aftermath. Trish is never sexualized. She's a middle-aged mom who's the victim of a violent crime.

With those three discreet elements — swab, hand-squeeze, breath — we are on the table with her. The cut to the cops' faces is not a relief; it's a reminder of their responsibility to care for this woman. To not exploit her.

Broadchurch airs Sundays at 10 p.m. on Showcase.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

The series picks up three years after the fallout of Danny Latimer's murder, as DI Alec Hardy (David Tennant) and DS Ellie Miller (Olivia Colman) investigate a serious sexual assault in the Dorset community. CONTRIBUTED

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What does a feminist future look like?

After The Women's March on Washington in January, it seems we're riding yet another wave of the women's movement. But it is not without its issues. For International Women's Day, we looked to Canadian women for insight on the future of feminism, inclusivity and smashing patriarchy. Here's what they told us: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Clockwise from top left: Farrah Khan, Ing Wong Ward, Gwen Benaway, Septembre Anderson, Uzma Jalaluddin, Kate Chung.

Farrah Khan

Sexual violence support worker, educator, queer Muslim artist

How can feminism get people of different races and genders into the fold?

This march is not the beginning. Many people, including our elders and godmothers of the movement, have been fighting for a long time.

It's not about getting people from marginalized communities into the fold but expanding what the fold is. It's creating space for different visions of what equity looks like. We need to be continually thinking about who is left out and who needs to be included. The movement needs intergenerational conversations, feminist godmothers, FEMtors that have institutional and movement memory so we're not reinventing the wheel but building on the amazing pathways and conversations that have come from our sisters before us. We need to share power.

Kate Chung

Toronto Raging Grannies

What did you make of the march?

Marches like this help build solidarity but I hope it's not all focused on the U.S. We're brainwashed here to think that Canada is so wonderful and we live in the best country in the world but, I'm sorry, there are still things to fix. This is not a perfect place and I see things sliding backwards. I'm old enough to remember the 1970s when we had hope that change was coming. Also, there's no such thing as just a women's issue. Climate, the future of this planet, justice, refugees, war and peace, homelessness — we're not just fighting for our own grandchildren but all grandchildren. To be a Granny, you don't have to be a certain age, a grandmother, or a mother. You just have to be a woman and have attitude. We need to recruit.

Uzma Jalaluddin

Writer, teacher, Toronto Star columnist

Did you march? What should happen now?

I didn't march but fully support the women who did. I think there's a sense that something very fundamental about American society is under attack right now and people feel it on a visceral, personal level. For me, as someone who is very visible, I understand so many people who are being placed, viewed and treated as outsiders. All the social justice movements, especially feminism, need compassion, empathy, understanding and tolerance. It would also be nice to see a wider variety of stories out there. I think that feminists need to read each other's stories.

Septembre Anderson

Reluctant feminist and activist, journalist

How should feminism work to get folks of different races and genders on board?

It's important to understand and accept that we're working on the same issues but not together, that we're working as teammates but not necessarily on the same team. Our diversity is our strength. Men are a whole other thing and it's valuable for men to do their work where they are. They don't need to come into our group, they need to speak to other men. In the locker rooms where they're talking about grabbing women by the p---- — that's where their work is. To the men: Your work is with other men.

Ing Wong Ward

Associate Director for the Centre for Independent Living

What else does the movement need?

I do hope that the women who marched can take the power and goodwill they felt during that day and find ways to turn this into everyday resistance. Social movements aren't solely built on large, visible demonstrations. They're also built on the decisions individuals make to say they refuse to believe the status quo cannot change. The movement needs to be far more open to diversity and to find ways to share power with under-represented groups, including women with disabilities, who are too often rendered invisible. Part of this involves white, CIS, straight, nondisabled women listening to women whose lives do not mirror their own, to hear what the feminist movement can do to be more inclusive. It involves hearing the experiences of minority women and actually listening to their critiques without becoming defensive. White women need to ask themselves, are they opening doors or creating barriers?

Gwen Benaway

Annishinabe/Mètis trans poet

What does the movement need right now?

To really focus on intersectional feminism. It's time for us to move past divisiveness and embrace the strength, mission and perspectives of all women who are experiencing misogyny if we are going to really challenge and change things. There has been a fundamental rollback of our rights and equal access so we need to come together as diverse women and stand unified. (We have a) moment to leverage the unity of the moment and the strength of our unity. The way to do that is to call out men collectively, to call out misogyny. Our intersectional identities gives us a myriad ways to think and to act and respond to these forces.

TELEVISION

Toronto's housewives might be too real

Toronto the staid finally has a Real Housewives reality TV franchise. But should we care?

You won't find a Weston, a Thomson or a Rogers in the cast of The Real Housewives of Toronto, which debuts Tuesday at 10 p.m. ET on Slice.

The one rule of old money is to never, ever talk about money. But true to form, this phenomenally popular TV franchise is populated with nouveau riche social climbers who are not afraid to bring on the bling.

So you get "stars" such as Kara Alloway, the former beauty editor of Homemakers magazine, saying, "When you have money and a fabulous life, lots of people want to be your friend." For "style entrepreneur" Roxy Earle, it's as simple as: "Why be a gold digger when you can own the gold?"

As for Joan Kelley Walker, who likes to tell viewers she has a bubble bath just about every single day, there is a reminder that her husband, Magna CEO Don Walker, "makes a lot of money."

Being crass is the currency of reality TV. The lives of these "housewives" are cartoonishly aspirational. It's where the number of Hermes Birkin bags and Louboutin stilettos you own become a kind of nuclear arms race in one-up-womanship.

That eye-catching formula, mixed in with plenty of petty rivalry has been ratings gold for the franchise.

It sets feminism back a thousand years but it is undeniably must-watch train-wreck TV at times. If one were to look at the decline of daytime soap operas and civilization in general, one could look no further than the Housewives franchise where scripted "reality" is far more interesting and outlandish than anything on Days of Our Lives.

Since the very first Real Housewives show set in Orange County debuted in 2006, there have been numerous spinoffs and international versions, including Australia and an upcoming production for Bangkok. Now we have Toronto. Is this a good thing?

Producers are anxious to showcase an unabashedly aspirational side of the city. The women go to fancy Yorkville restaurants and stores, and host a facelift party at the Soho Metropolitan Hotel.

It feels forced. If the Toronto version of the Housewives is to survive it will likely have to amp up the rivalrys. It would be ironic if it failed because the cast was simply too nice to each other. No indication of that so far. But then, wouldn't that be appropriately Canadian? TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Real Housewives of Toronto (from left) are Gregoriane Minot, Joan Kelley Walker, Ann Kaplan Mulholland, Kara Alloway, Roxy Earle and Jana Webb. SUPPLIED

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Why strong is the new pretty

PORTRAIT PROJECT

Book fights a message, toasts girls' strength in all its forms

Strong is the New Pretty: A Celebration of Girls Being Themselves is a new book by photographer Kate T. Parker featuring portraits of almost 200 girls from across North America.

Broken down into nine sections celebrating different forms of strength — confidence, resilience, creativity and fearlessness among them — Parker writes in the introduction that the seed for the book was planted while shooting everyday photos of her two daughters and their friends.

"The more I shot, the more I began to notice that the strongest images, the ones that resonated most with me, were the ones in which girls were being 100-per-cent themselves," Parker writes.

"I wanted to show my girls that beauty isn't about being a certain size, or having your hair done . . . or wearing a fancy outfit. I wanted to combat the messages media sends to women

> **I wanted my girls to know that being themselves is beautiful.**
> Kate T. Parker

every day. I wanted my girls to know that being themselves is beautiful and that being beautiful is about being strong."

As her project gained momentum online, Parker began travelling across the U.S. to photograph more and more girls, culminating in a collection of diverse portraits of young women with different dreams, passions and stories, but all united by a common theme — they are all, in their own ways, strong. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE; KATE T. PARKER PHOTOGRAPHY USED WITH PERMISSION BY WORKMAN PUBLISHING

Strong is the New Pretty: A Celebration of Girls Being Themselves is available in Canada from Thomas Allen & Son starting March 7.

WATSON IRE

Actress hits back at critics

Emma Watson has hit back at critics who claimed her recent photoshoot for Vanity Fair betrayed her feminist ideals after posing in a crochet white top that reveals part of her cleavage.

Watson said the furore was "a fundamental and complete misunderstanding of what feminism is. Feminism is about equality and it's about choice."
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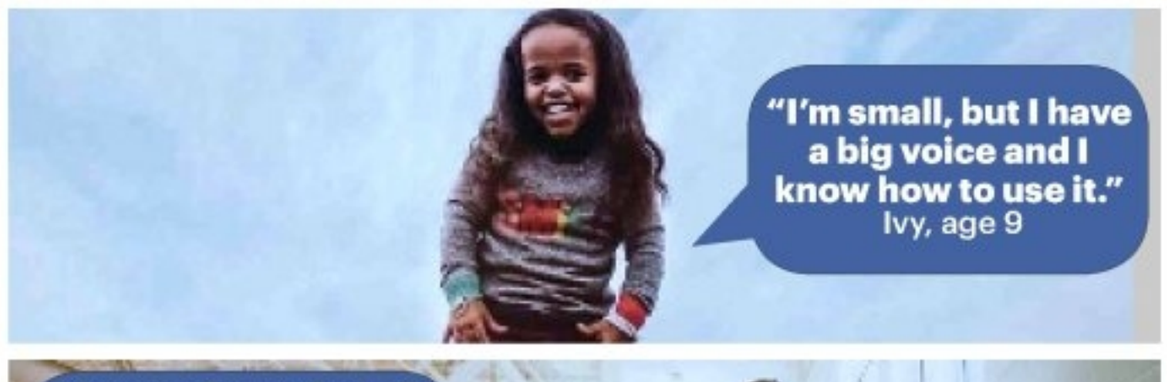

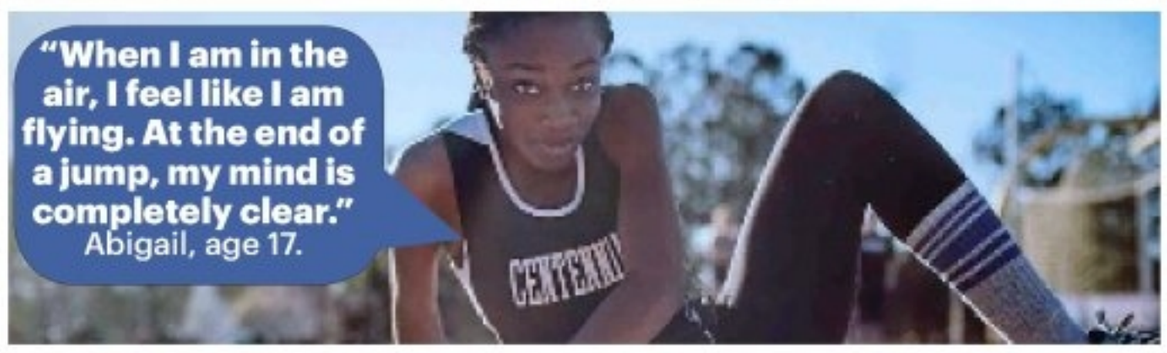

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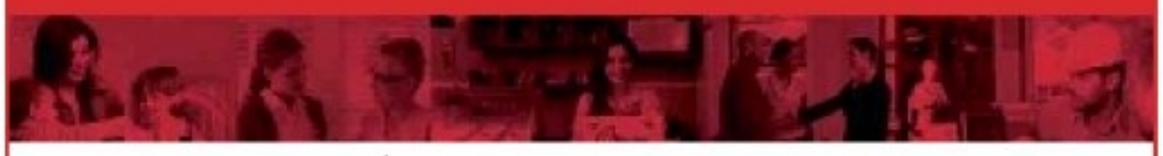

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LEARNING CURVE

For the love of the library

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Ever since the first academic institutes were erected, the library has stood as the central station of information for students. But in the digital age, when many post-secondary pupils are quick to turn to their computers for quotes and content, this once-noble tower of knowledge is lagging in popularity.

So should the students of today who fixate on their screens for scholastic success reconsider the benefits of their campus library?

"Academic libraries pay millions of dollars a year for access to specialized collections to support the work of the university," says Julie Mitchell, assistant director of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at the University of British Columbia. "If it was freely available online, we wouldn't be paying for it. We subscribe to the most current research and curate resources that we know students need for their courses"

And hidden amongst all that research, there are hidden gems offered by a library that can provide an unmatchable and even transformative experience for students.

"We live in an electronic world, but there is nothing like the hands-on experience of interacting with materials from the 13th and 15th century," says Mitchell, referencing the unique collections housed in the UBC library, as well as those shelved in other academic libraries in Canada. "Smelling parchment, seeing holes in animal skins — there is nothing like that in the digital world."

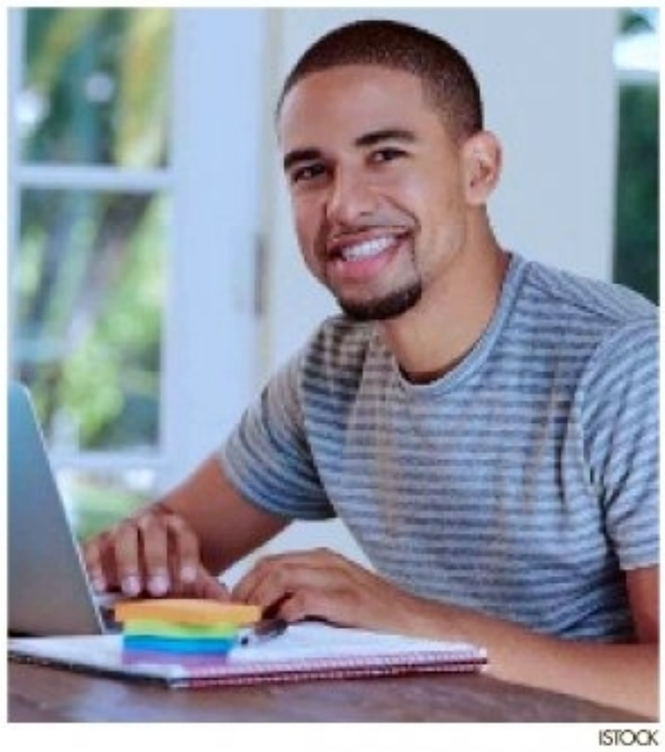
"Libraries curate information in a way that the open web simply can't," adds Annie Bélanger, associate university librarian at the University of Waterloo. "You can search in Google but not know how to use information. That's where libraries can be very powerful."

Aside from its benefit as a meeting place for students, faculty, staff and researchers to explore ideas, Mandissa Arlain, communications librarian at Ryerson University points to all the things that can be accessed in campus libraries for free, that many students aren't even aware of.

"We offer quiet study spaces, including bookable group study rooms. We have laptops, camera kits, tripods, GoPro and an Oculus Rift for loan," says Arlain of Ryerson's available materials. "We also offer workshops that range from navigating research databases to 3D printing, augmented reality, 3D animation and more."

–LIZ BEDDALL

A free online program is helping protected residents learn French



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Permanent residents and protected people who want to integrate into Canadian society by learning the French language can do so at their convenience thanks to a free online program, CLIC en ligne.

"Learning the language is one of the most important things to do when you immigrate to a new country," says Fabienne Labatut, the project lead of the program, which is the online version of the French-language program, cours de langue pour les immigrants au Canada (CLIC). "Our training focuses on learning language related to housing, banking, citizenship and how to get a job, to name just a few, through reading, writing, listening and speaking."

CLIC, which is funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and, since 2014, run by La Cité Collégiale, is offered at various levels. Students complete each level through a combination of group and independent learning, and have access to their instructor as well as CLIC's administrative team.

The program has gone from having four participants when it launched to more than 200 in six provinces, says Labatut. This year, it will expand across Canada.

"Our program will be a great opportunity for people in regions or provinces when there is very little French language training offered," says Labatut. "We have seen a lot of province mobility for immigrants and knowing both official languages has proven an asset in job hunting."

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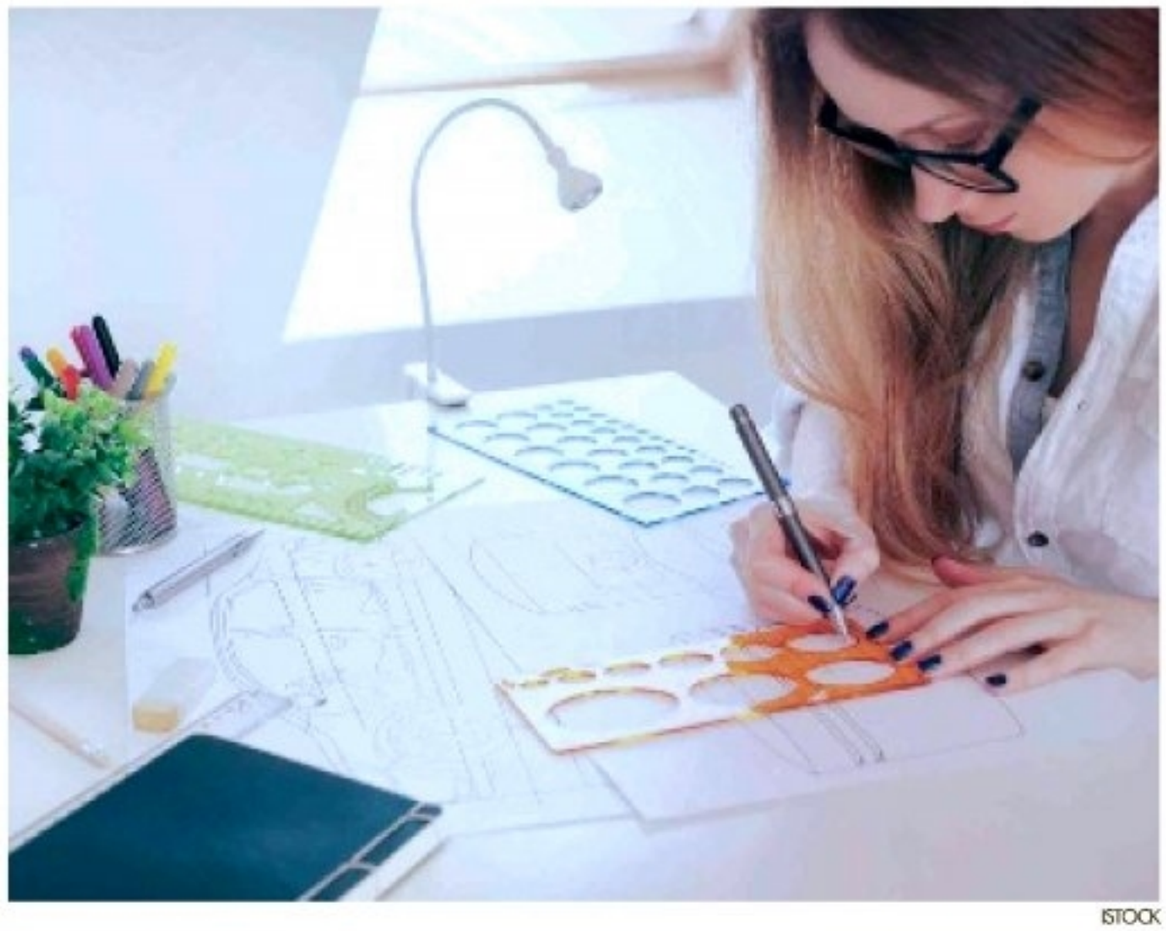
Art meets science in new Centennial College program



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In Centennial College's new product and design development program, students learn to develop high-tech, ecological and socially responsible products from concept to design to production in the only offering of its kind in Canada.

"If we boil down the fundamental philosophy of the program, it is dream, make, grow," says Christopher Jackman, chair of art and design in Centennial College's School of Communications, Media, Arts and Design. "We want designers to dream of new solutions for the market. Then, through the 'make' stage, we want them to understand how to make the vision a reality. And, 'grow,' of course, is all about the business of bringing the product to the marketplace."

A collaboration between the School of Communications, Media, Arts and Design and School of Engineering, Technology and Applied Science (SETAS), the program launched last September and takes three years to complete.

Students attend courses and have access to facilities at the two campuses that house the Schools.

"Students get the best of both worlds," says Jackman. "They work in design studios that have all the latest software at our Story Arts Centre and also take courses in SETAS labs at Progress Campus."

Through interdisciplinary, collaborative group projects, students develop creative design problem solving abilities and innovative strategies by applying all stages of the visual design process. The program's projects and assignments also allow them to gain a strong sense of design's functional and aesthetic principles as well as solid understanding of technical and business aspects of product development, says Jackman.

"We're very much focused on students' individual interests and providing students with opportunities to pursue projects that suit those interests and career ambitions," he says. "We also encourage students to engage with community partners to create a dialogue that leads to networking opportunities. If you graduate on a Friday, we want you to have the tools to succeed on Monday."

With the wide spread availability of 3D printing technology, the industry is changing, says Jackman. These changes open doors for graduates to both traditional and entrepreneurial careers related to consumer product development, electronics, furniture, transportation and more.

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Open house about getting a sense of the community

On April 8, Humber College will give potential learners a customized look into all three of the institution's campuses during its Spring Open House event.

"We see that so many students are doing their research online but coming on campus is an invaluable experience because you can't get the sense of community, learn about campus culture or explore the labs through a website or course calendar," says Breanne Cole, a recruitment communications coordinator at Humber.

The Spring Open House is primarily geared towards students who have applied or been approved to a Humber program.

However, says Cole, anyone interested in the college should attend to learn more, as representatives from all eight academic schools will be at the Humber North, Lakeshore and Orangeville locations. If a student does know his or her specific area of interest, Cole says to check Humber.ca to see what campus that program is based at for the most informative visit.

"Aside from being able to speak to faculty, alumni and students from their program of interest, attendees will also have a uniquely individualized experience because we open all the doors to the labs so they will be able to see where they will be learning," she says. "Schedules of lab tours will be posted online as we near the date of the open house."

In addition to program-specific information, the Spring Open House, which will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will be an opportunity to discover Humber's range of services.

Among the services in attendance, says Cole, will be counselling, accessible learning, residence and housing, athletics and financial aid.

"Students should come equipped with a list of questions because this will really be an opportunity to get them all answered. We really pride ourselves on being a welcoming and supportive community," she says. "For example, the open house is the perfect chance to ask in-depth questions about the industry that a student wants to work in and the current trends in that industry, which really contextualizes any program."

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Attendance doesn't require registration and attendees can drop in any time. For more information, visit humber.ca.

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The Iditarod started a day late Monday to give mushers time to drive their dogs 360 miles north to the colder, snowier climes of Fairbanks, Alaska

Lowry unapologetic over extracurriculars

NBA

All-star guard still without a return date

While rehabbing after surgery on his wrist, Kyle Lowry has been relegated to a de facto coach role on the bench. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Kyle Lowry has a message for those who took exception to him doing things during the NBA's all-star weekend while his wrist was a little sore.

"If anybody had any problem with it, come say it to my face," he said Monday afternoon. "That's how I feel."

No one connected with the team had any issue with Lowry taking part in the three-point shooting contest or playing 17 minutes in the all-star game last month in New Orleans.

Toronto Raptors president Masai Ujiri reacted harshly to shoot down any problems with the optics, and none of Lowry's coaches or teammates has even whispered privately any disappointment.

Lowry certainly has no regrets, even if some segments of the team's fan base have been critical.

"I didn't pay attention to people," Lowry said while the Raptors went through a two-hour workout at the American Airlines Center in Miami. "Whatever they said, I know how I felt about it and I know what I said about it. I never have any regrets on anything I do.

"I … do everything and I feel whole-heartedly good about every decision I've made in my life."

Just a week after having surgery to remove loose particles from his right wrist, the Raptors' all-star guard said the rehabilitation process is unfolding as it should. He is doing range-of-motion exercises, some running and cardio work to stay in shape. Lowry has no firm idea when he'll be back — he has a follow-up appointment with the surgeon next week — but he is hopeful.

"I have, not a target date, but I know what I would like to do," he said. "Hopefully we can get it done and we'll go from there. For me, it's making sure I'm completely healthy. I don't want to have to be not-full-Kyle going into any situation. I want to be able to go out and play and not have any hold-back."

> **I never have any regrets on anything I do.**
> Kyle Lowry

For now, Lowry will continue to act as a de facto coach and mentor to the young guards playing enhanced roles. He joked that he is talking to Fred VanVleet so much on the bench during games that "he's probably tired of me talking to him." Lowry also tutors second-year guard Delon Wright, who welcomes it.

"He actually helps, honestly," said Wright, who has played in just 35 NBA games. "He gives a player's perspective when he's sitting on the bench … he's much needed, it's good to have him using his voice."

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WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

MLB teams fearing injuries to stars

Honking horns, pulsing percussion and chanting crowds will transform Marlins Park into a Caribbean-style carnival this week for the World Baseball Classic.

To major-league teams, it sounds dangerous.

WBC games are sure to inspire maximum effort by players eager to win for their country, which is exactly what worries their big-league bosses. While spectators in the stands literally beat the drum on behalf of the international tournament, Major League Baseball managers and executives are less than thrilled about their players' participation.

"I think most coaches and managers rather not have guys go," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said.

The WBC draws big, noisy crowds, and players rave about the atmosphere. But less than a month into spring training, the tournament has them going all-out with the MLB season still weeks away.

Thus the fear of injury, a concern that has become as much a part of the quadrennial tournament as flag-waving.

"Going full speed, full bore, full game competition, third-deck fans screaming — baseball generally isn't played that way this time of year for us," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said.

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GAME 1

Scott Burcham's run-scoring infield single in the 10th inning led Israel to a 2-1 upset win over South Korea on Monday in the WBC opener.

IN BRIEF

Sandusky transferred to a medium-security prison

Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky has been moved from a maximum-security prison to a medium-security facility in western Pennsylvania.

State prison officials say the 73-year-old was initially transferred because he was considered to be vulnerable given the nature of his child-sex abuse conviction, and his high profile.

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Bogut's Cavs debut ends abruptly with broken leg

Andrew Bogut didn't make it through one minute of his debut with the Cavaliers.

The team's new centre reportedly fractured his left tibia in the second quarter of Monday night's 106-98 loss to Miami and had to be assisted off the floor and to Cleveland's locker-room. The 32-year-old sustained the injury at the 11:38 mark of the second, just moments after he checked in for the first time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Blues hammer down top spot

PREMIER LEAGUE

Hazard, Costa net at West Ham to regain 10-point lead

Chelsea took a confident step closer to the Premier League title with goals from Eden Hazard and Diego Costa enough to sweep aside London rivals West Ham 2-1 Monday.

The result lifts Chelsea 10 points clear of second-placed Tottenham, with 11 games left. Chelsea manager Antonio Conte celebrated with away fans at the end of the match as they sang "we're going to win the league." The Italian, 47, is on course to win the title in his maiden season in English football.

"Up until now we have deserved to stay at the top of the table," Conte said. "But this league is tough until the end. It won't be easy. My players are showing me great commitment not only during the games, but during the week to work hard and to improve. I trust them."

After dominating the league leaders in the first quarter at the London Stadium, West Ham was stung by a blistering counter-attack set up by N'Golo Kante's interception.

Chelsea's Hazard and Pedro then combined to devastating effect. Belgium midfielder Hazard surged forward from a blistering counter-attack and was on the end of a decisive one-two to score the opener in the 25th minute.

As Hazard slid to his knees to celebrate, a West Ham fan rushed onto the pitch toward the player, but stewards managed to intervene in time. Costa netted the second in the 50th as West Ham midfielder Pedro Obiang flicked Cesc Fabregas' corner straight to the Spain striker, who gratefully nudged in from close range.

Chelsea's Eden Hazard slots in past West Ham goalkeeper Darren Randolph and midfielder Pedro Obiang at London Stadium on Monday. ADRIAN DENNIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

> **I can see them staying top with the quality they have.**
> Slaven Bilic

It was Costa's 17th league goal this season. Manuel Lanzini notched West Ham's consolation in second-half injury time as West Ham fought to the end.

Lone striker Andy Carroll, returning from a groin injury, battled with a Chelsea defence which remained disciplined and resolute. West Ham manager Slaven Bilic said his team conceded cheap goals but praised Chelsea's performance.

"They look very serious and I can see them staying on top with quality they have ... and most of all how physically in good shape they are," Bilic said.

Third-placed Manchester City is 11 points behind Chelsea but has a game in hand.

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DIVISION TABLE

	W-D-L	GD	PTS
Chelsea	21-3-3	37	66
Tottenham	16-8-3	33	56
Man City	17-4-5	24	55
Liverpool	15-7-5	24	52
Arsenal	15-5-6	24	50
Man United	13-10-3	17	49
Everton	12-8-7	14	44
West Brom	11-7-9	2	40
Stoke City	9-8-10	-8	35
S'hampton	9-6-11	-2	33
West Ham	9-6-12	-10	33
Burnley	9-4-14	-10	31
Watford	8-7-12	-14	31
Bournemouth	7-6-14	-15	27
Leicester	7-6-14	-15	27
Swansea	8-3-16	-24	27
Crys. Palace	7-4-16	-11	25
Middlesbrough	4-10-13	-11	22
Hull City	5-6-16	-29	21
Sunderland	5-4-18	-26	19

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SOCCER

Zlatan and Mings charged

Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Tyrone Mings have both been charged by the English Football Association for violent conduct.

Ibrahimovic elbowed Mings in the head moments after the defender appeared to step on the Swede's face late in the first half of Manchester United's 1-1 draw against Bournemouth on Saturday. Both incidents were not seen by referee Kevin Friend and went unpunished at the time.

Ibrahimovic faces the possibility of a three-match ban. The FA says it "has submitted a claim that the standard punishment that would otherwise apply for the misconduct committed by the Bournemouth defender (Mings) is 'clearly insufficient.'"

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Ibrahimovic and Mings clash
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NHL

Babcock gives Leafs confidence with season on the ledge

The Maple Leafs enter their final 18 games of the season knowing they can make up for a slide the past 10 days that has taken them out of the wild-card berth.

And the push will be led by coach Mike Babcock, who continually strikes a solid, confident figure, even to players who are under his tutelage for the first time.

"The passion he brings for games ... it's amazing," said centre Brian Boyle, who joined the Leafs in a deadline deal with Tampa Bay. "The knowledge he has of other people throughout the league, you have to love the game to know what he knows."

That knowledge will be more important than ever for the Leafs who remain the NHL's youngest team and in the midst of a five-game slide without a win.

No team in the league has entered the third period with leads more times than the Leafs; but Toronto has capitalized on just over 60 per cent on those chances, compiling a 10-1-5 mark. The result has been a basket full of points left on the table — Toronto is 1-8 in games that have gone to overtime or the shootout.

Mike Babcock
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Toronto, which still leads the East with 194 goals, has managed just eight over the last five games. James van Riemsdyk has two in his last 18, Tyler Bozak three in 19, and Leo Komarov three in 22.

"Well, the last game, they got wounded ... they got wounded twice this year (the other time against the Islanders)," Babcock said of the Van Riemsdyk-Bozak-Mitch Marner line. "But they have been good for us and we need to get them on a roll."

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Your craving for cheesy pizza and getting your greens can live happily together.

Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 cloves garlic, quartered
- 2 cups baby spinach
- 1 cup basil leaves
- 1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 large store bought flatbread
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup shaved Asiago cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes
- Chopped basil for garnish

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 C. Prepare a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a food processor, mince garlic, then add the spinach, basil, Parmesan, oil and salt and pepper. Purée until smooth, scraping down the sides of the bowl as necessary.

3. Lay the flatbread out onto the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle with a bit of olive oil. Spread the pesto across the top of the flatbread leaving a 1/2-inch border around the edges. Drop heaping tablespoons of the ricotta onto the pesto. Sprinkle with Asiago and sun-dried tomatoes

4. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the edges of the crust are golden brown and cheese is melted. Remove from oven and sprinkle with chopped basil.

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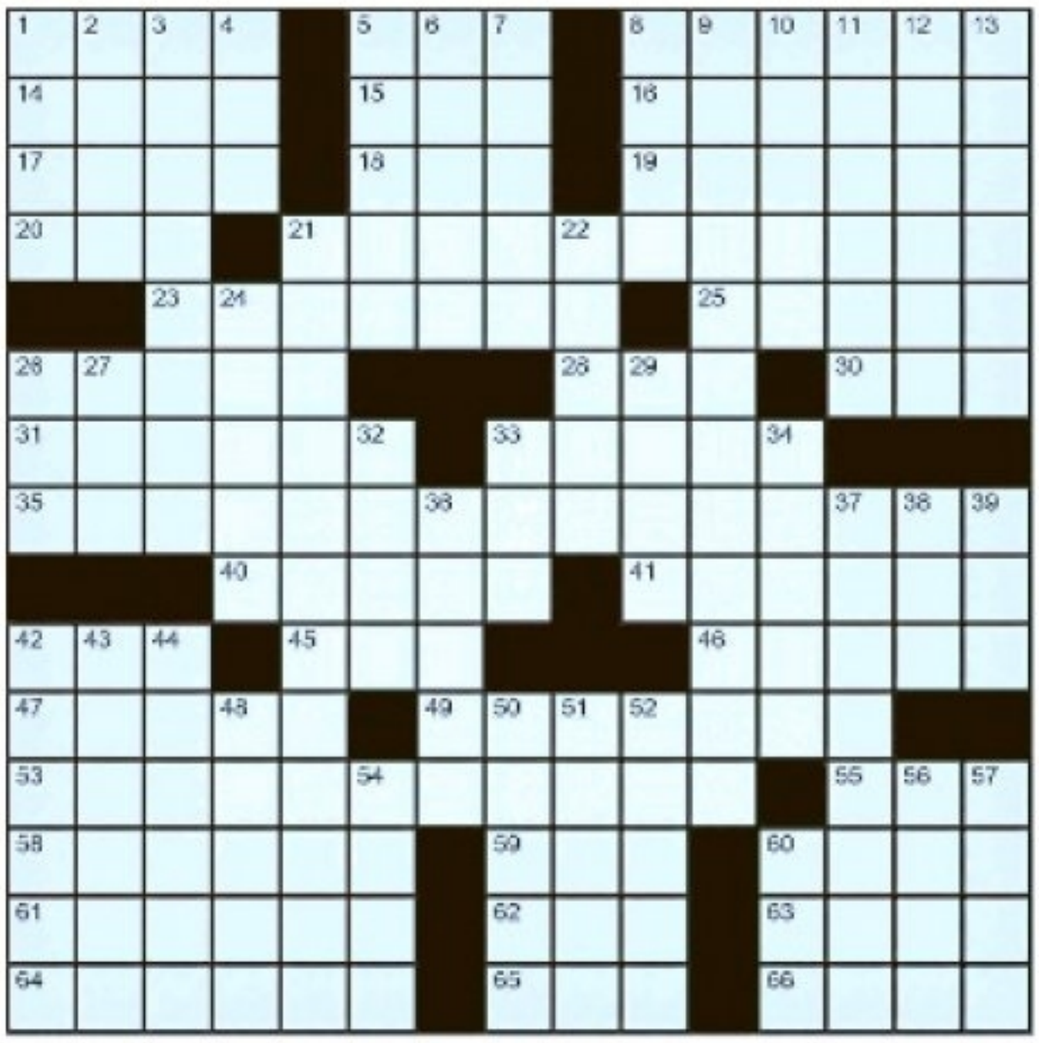

ACROSS
1. Colosseum cloak
5. Dining room feature, for short
8. Meteorite _ site
14. Street
15. At-sea affirmation
16. Ms. Mason of "The Goodbye Girl" (1977)
17. Poet Mr. Pound
18. Tiny tallness
19. Lord's Prayer part: "..._ _ _ in heaven."
20. Nourished
21. Desired results of using hair rollers: 2 wds.
23. "That camouflage isn't working!": 3 wds.
25. Make _ _ (Do store business)
26. "This _ _ Love Song" by Bon Jovi
28. Driveway topping
30. Initials-sharers of Naomi Watts's ex-beau who is an actor
31. _ _ of spades
33. Important exam
35. 'Sparkling' tavern item: 2 wds.
40. Nose-in-the-air folks
41. Buffalo's hockey players
42. UK honour [acronym]
45. Extremist org. in 1974 headlines
46. "Hud" (1963) Oscar-winner Patricia, and surnamesakes
47. "_ _ Me" by John Legend
49. In particular
53. Air-circulators-with-paddles: 2 wds.
55. Certain conifer
58. Eagles drummer/singer Don
59. Prefix to 'light'
60. Ballet skirt
61. Star: French
62. 'Abbey Road' tune: "The _"
63. "_ fair in love..."
64. Does an office task
65. Hillary Clinton was a Sen. here
66. Tropical vacation spot

DOWN
1. Not kosher
2. Bleed bit by bit
3. Toronto's _ Expressway
4. Halifax's famous madam Ms. McCallum (b.1909 - d.1986)
5. Chevrolet SUV model
6. "Snatch" (2000) directed _ _ Ritchie
7. "..._ _ man put asunder."
8. "If _ _ be so bold as to..."
9. They're used to help make lashes look lusher: 2 wds.
10. Toyota hybrid car
11. Stellar
12. Freezes the food
13. Cups, in Quebec City
21. _ Historic House (Attraction in Charlottetown, PEI); or, Montreal suburb
22. "Soul Meets Body" by Death Cab For _
24. Wild guesses
26. Flight tower serv.
27. Smashing Pumpkins co-founder James
29. Conjunctions
32. Organic compound
33. Alberta's McMurray, et al.
34. Record _
36. Do _ _ up job
37. Piled-up-with-food carriers
38. Conger _
39. Web feed syst. for updates
42. Stockpiles
43. "Baywatch" actress Yasmine
44. "Sense and Sensibility" (1995) sister
48. "Kukla, Fran and _"
50. Frequently
51. Like the hue of a lion's coat
52. British novelist Ms. Bagnold's
54. 'The Science Guy' Bill, and surnamesakes
56. "_ have to do."
57. Ploy
60. Mai _ (Cocktail)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be patient with family members today to avoid squabbles and arguments. (This is not a good way to start your day — or anyone else's.) Be chill.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you can get past some tension this morning, the rest of the day will be quiet and comforting. In fact, you will want to cocoon at home if you can.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Money disputes or an argument about something you own might occur this morning. Try to move past it so that you can enjoy a busy day full of errands and fun.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
People are touchy this morning. Give them a wide berth. Later in the day, you will be focused on money and cash flow. Ka-ching!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This morning it's easy to be grumpy. However, soon the Moon moves into your sign, which gives you an advantage over everyone else. Enjoy your good fortune.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Avoid morning arguments with a female acquaintance. Later in the day, do some research or find some privacy, and enjoy being on your own.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You like to keep the peace. Therefore, avoid arguments in the morning, because the rest of the day is warm and friendly.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Steer clear of sensitive subjects like religion, politics and racial issues this morning. Later in the day, bosses, parents and VIPs will talk about you for some reason.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Disputes about shared property might arise this morning. Let these go, because what you really want to do is get out and have a change of scenery today. Do something different.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Be patient with partners and close friends this morning. Later today, you might ponder how your values are different from the values of others. We are all unique.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today because the Moon is opposite your sign. This simply requires a little patience and cooperation. No biggie.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Avoid disputes at work this morning. You don't need this! Later today, you will play and schmooze with others, as well as delight in sports or playful activities with children.

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